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Amendment to the Specification:

The last paragraph of page 8 bridging to page 9 is amended as indicated below:

Esters useful in a composition according to the present invention include olive oil PEG-7 esters. A preferred olive oil PEG-7 ester is sold by Seppic, Inc., Paris, France, under the tradename Olivem 300. Another useful ester of this type is PEG-7 glyceryl cocoate sold, e.g., by Cognis GmbH under the tradename cetiol HE. Polyethylene glycol esters are useful in the compositions according to the present invention, especially such esters derived from glycerides and such esters derived from fatty acids and having a degree of propxylation. A preferred PEG-9 cocoglyceride is sold by Inolex Chemical Co., Philadelphia, PA, under the tradename Lexol EC. Another suitable ester is PEG-6 Caprylic/Capric Glycerides sold under the tradename Glycerox 767 by Croda. Preferred esters derived by reaction of a fatty acid with ethylene oxide and propylene oxide are PEG/PPG-8/3 diisostearate and PEG/PPG-8/3 laurate sold by Scher Chemicals, Inc., Clifton, NJ. Polyglycerol esters useful in a composition according to the present invention include ~~polyglycerol~~polyglyceryl-3 laurate, triglycerol laurate and glycereth-26 trioctanoate. A preferred ~~polyglycerol~~polyglyceryl-3 laurate ester is sold by Scher Chemicals, Inc., Clifton, N.J., under the tradename Hydramol TGL. A preferred glycereth-26 trioctanoate is sold by Heterene, Inc., Paterson, N.J., under the tradename Hest G-26-TO. Also suitable are esters based on sucrose, such as sucrose laurate, sucrose palmitate and sucrose stearate. Such esters may be mixed mono and diesters, provided that the monoester content of the ester is sufficient to provide the requisite HLB value. Sucrose esters that are suitable include Sisterna L70-C (sucrose laurate with 70 % monoester content); Sisterna PS750-C (sucrose palmitate with 75 % monoester content), and Sisterna SP50-C (sucrose stearate with 50 % monoester content);